

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-13, 15-19, 21-25 and 27-29 are pending. Claims 3, 9, 14, 20 and 26 have been canceled. Claims 1, 4-7, 10-13, 15-18, 21-24 and 29 have been amended.

Applicant requests that this amendment after final be entered as the claims have merely been amended to place the case in condition for allowance by incorporating subject matter considered allowable by the Examiner into the rejected claims.

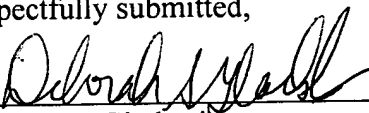
Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 13, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 29 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Graham, U.S. Patent No. 5,821,915 in view of Pellar, U.S. Patent No. 4,196,451. This rejection is respectfully overcome in view of the foregoing amendments as follows.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 3. Claim 3 has therefore been canceled. Claim 2 is now allowable due to its dependency from claim 1. Claims 4-6 have been amended to be in independent form. Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 9. Claim 10 has been amended to depend from claim 7 and is therefore also allowable. Claims 11 and 12 have been amended to be in independent form. Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 14. Claims 15-17 have been amended to be in independent form. Claim 18 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 20. Claim 21 has been amended to depend from claim 18. Claims 22 and 23 have been amended to be in independent form. Claim 24 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 26. Claim 29 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 3. According, Applicant believes all claims are in condition for allowance and requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 325772012000.

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